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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed October 26, 2000, finally rejecting claims 25-36 and 37-47 of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$310.00 for filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(b) to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.

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